

Calais LNG

- Other comments received regarding Board Jurisdiction



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February 11, 2010

Governor John Baldacci
Office of the Governor
#1 State House Station
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Re: Calais LNG

Dear Governor Baldacci:

The City of Calais has received formal notice that Calais LNG filed various state environmental permit applications with the Department of Environmental Protection on or about January 27, 2010. The Calais City Council wishes to convey its continuing strong support for this project. In a letter dated January 28, 2010 they requested Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, David Littell accept and retain jurisdiction over the applications rather than having the applications be sent to the Board of Environmental Protection. We believe that Department review of the applications is merited given, among other things, the very broad public support for the project here in Calais. We ask your support in this request.

The City of Calais has demonstrated unwavering support for Calais LNG over the past three years, in part due to the level of effort the project has made to keep the public informed about its permitting efforts and also because of the economic opportunity that it presents to this City (as well as to Washington County in general).

The Calais City Council voted to issue a letter of support for the project in April of 2008 and since then has worked with the project on important issues such as public education regarding LNG, project informational meetings, and local planning and zoning. Calais LNG's experts and employees have been cooperative, available and informative in their dealings with both City officials and the public over the past three years. Calais LNG's local office on Main Street in Calais is a local resource that has provided updates and information about the project since opening in the summer of 2008. Further, we have observed the extensive environmental studies that Calais LNG has undertaken, and we understand that those studies demonstrate that the project will have minimal environmental impact.

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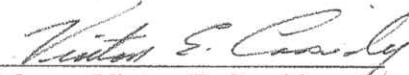
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As part of a Departmental review of the applications, the City of Calais has no objection to the Department of Environmental Protection holding a public meeting or hearing regarding the Calais LNG applications here in Calais. Our citizens already know so much about the project because of the many public information meetings held to date. In March of 2009, Calais LNG's Public Informational Meeting was attended by over 240 people, with almost 30 people speaking in support of the project and none against. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) held a scoping session in December of 2008, where over 100 people attended. Little project opposition was voiced at that event either.


Based on the public's understanding of, and support for, the Calais LNG project, the Calais City Council encourages you to support the Department of Environmental Protection's acceptance of jurisdiction over these recent applications. We believe they will provide a robust and yet timely regulatory review.

The City of Calais fully supports Calais LNG and the economic benefits it will bring to the City. The Calais City Council looks forward to working with Commissioner Littell and his staff at the Department of Environmental Protection on the project -- a project that is vitally important to all of Washington County.


Sincerely,



Mayor, Vinton E. Cassidy



Councilor, Joseph Cassidy



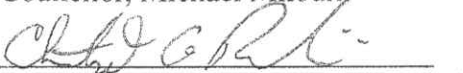
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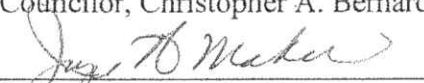
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February 23, 2010

Mr. David P. Littell, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: Projects CP10-31 & CP10-32

Dear Commissioner Littell:

This correspondence is being sent to you as a means of expressing my support for Calais LNG. Washington County leaders and residents are in full support of this initiative, thus I hope you will work to make this vision a reality.

As State Representative for District 32, which consists of Cutler, Eastport, Lubec, Machias, Machiasport, Roque Bluffs and Whiting, plus the unorganized territory of Trescott Township, I am requesting that the Calais LNG permitting process be relegated to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), not the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP). Board review would not only unnecessarily delay the hiring of hundreds of workers, who in this tough economic climate are in need of employment, but it further confirms that Maine is a challenging place for business development.

Clearly the environmental impact is something to be taken into consideration as well. Nevertheless, the associated review process can and should be more thoughtfully, meticulously, and efficiently done by the DEP rather than the BEP.

In closing, I urge you to do what is right for Downeast Maine, its area citizens and taxpayers, and job seekers of Calais and the surrounding communities by retaining the dispensation of the Calais LNG applications under the administration of the DEP.

Respectfully,

David C. Burns
State Representative

c: The Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor, State of Maine
Ms. Susan Lessard, Chair, Maine Board of Environmental Protection

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February 10, 2010

Mr. David P. Littell, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: Projects CP10-31 & CP10-32

Dear Commissioner Littell:

I am writing to express my support for Calais LNG. This project enjoys the support of the local government, residents, and public officials from around Washington County.

Governor Baldacci iterated his support for the project and its importance to Maine's strategy for clean and diverse sources of energy in his 2009 State of the State address. It is time for the State to take a leadership role in ensuring these projects move forward as expeditiously as possible.

It is important to the success of this project that its permitting process be handled by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) rather than the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP). The BEP process is much too subjective for a project of this magnitude, both in its scope and its importance to the region and the State.

I thank you for your important work and your full consideration of my remarks.

Respectfully,

Dianne Tilton
State Representative

c: The Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor, State of Maine
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February 26, 2010

Commissioner David P. Littell
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

**Re: CP10-31 - Calais Pipeline Company,
LLC**

CP10-32- Calais LNG Project Co.,

LLC

Comments of : Vinton Cassidy

Dear Madam Secretary:

On January 6, 2010, the Commission noticed the above filings requesting authorization to construct, own and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas Import Terminal and regasification facility in the City of Calais, ME and a sendout pipeline located largely within the City of Calais, connecting the terminal to the facilities on Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline in Princeton, ME. I am writing to urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to complete its review of this project and grant its approval subject to the Commission's safety and environmental concerns having been met by the applicant.

I am a life-long resident of Calais. I teach American National Government in the Washington County Community College. I have served 3 terms on the Maine Senate. I am in my 7th term as Mayor of the City of Calais. The City of Calais has filed for leave to intervene in these proceedings and is submitting its comments. The comments herein are mine personally, and are sincerely from the heart.

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The City desperately needs this project. Our population has been declining for the past two decades due to the shortage of jobs in the region. The unemployment rate in Washington County has been reported at 13%, but is higher now and increasing daily. The region's major employer, DOMTAR, shut down last summer for several months. While operating currently, we are concerned that having closed once, they may do so again.

Every day I see the frustration and despair on the faces of my students as they come to grips with the fact there are few decent jobs available for them here in Washington County when they complete their academic work. Then I see the despair and disappointment on the faces of their parents and grandparents when they move away to find work, most never to return. The frustration of unemployment coupled with the need for those who find work to hold two or three part-time jobs just to make a living has led to a feeling of hopelessness in the community with the attendant social issues such as abuse and addiction.

The proposed projects will bring several hundred good-paying construction jobs and 80-100 long-term technical and professional jobs to Washington County. While experienced persons must obviously be hired for some positions, many hires will be local. In addition to the jobs at the terminal, the developers have estimated that three jobs will result elsewhere in the region. I believe that estimate to be low.

The project managers have been engaged with the City and community officials from the outset. I have attended and participated in all of the public meetings held to date by the project, the Commission, and the State of Maine. I have full confidence that this project is getting the scrutiny that it needs to assure that it is a safe, environmentally acceptable project. I have heard at the meetings and on the street the overwhelming support for this project. The few who oppose, most of whom are Canadian, do so on grounds unrelated to legitimate safety, environmental, or other aesthetic concerns.

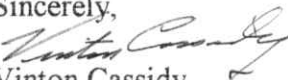
Due primarily to the declining population, the City can accommodate both the temporary and permanent work force without major infrastructure additions. In fact, the City is now faced with the need to reduce services because of a budget shortfall.

I have heard concerns about the St. Croix River's ability to accommodate LNG vessels. I must note that ships not much smaller than LNG ships have been going in and out of the Bayside terminal on the Canadian side without incident for many years. Some do not even board a pilot. Some carry hazardous cargoes such as fertilizer. In the past, oil tankers came right into downtown Calais and other ships called there as well. Navigation on the St. Croix is nothing new, and with the safety measures and navigation aids that will come with the LNG trade, will be safer in the future than now or in the past.

Finally, we in Northern New England have suffered under the highest energy costs in the nation for many years. We pay the highest fuel oil and electric power prices anywhere primarily due to the lack of a competitive fuel source. A steady supply of natural gas from a terminal on US soil would provide competitive pressure which would result in realistic market prices for our energy needs.

For the above reasons, I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to give this project its full attention, to conduct its review process in an expeditious manner, and provided the applicant has met the Commission's requirements, to grant approval.

Sincerely,


Vinton Cassidy.

Eric O' Connell
449 Main Street
Calais, Maine 04619

Commissioner David P. Littell
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Littell:

I live and work in the downtown area of Calais, Maine. Every day, I see and talk to people who are desperately hoping for new economic opportunities in this area. The restaurant where I work has been forced to lay-off several employees and our community cannot afford to wait indefinitely for something to change for the better.

That's why I am hoping you can facilitate an expedited review of the Calais LNG project. The Calais LNG project will bring much-needed new jobs to this area, where our unemployment rates are among the highest in Maine.

My neighbors and I have been keeping close tabs on this project, and we are excited about the opportunity to see spin-off businesses and new economic activity in this area.

Of course, we don't want to see anything happen that would hurt our environment or the businesses that rely on tourism for their well-being. But I also believe the Maine DEP has the resources to handle its own review of the project without additional review by the Maine BEP.

I sincerely hope that the Calais LNG project can be built sooner rather than later, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik O' Connell

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Erik O' Connell', written over the printed name.

Drew Case
103 Barker St.
Calais, Maine 04619
454-3870

David P. Littell, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner:

I am a resident of Calais, Maine, where I own and operate a local hardware store. I want you to know that I am strongly in favor of the Calais LNG plan and want to see it approved as quickly as possible.

This part of Maine needs jobs very badly. But this project is not just about short-term construction jobs. A project of this size and scope will breathe new life into our community by creating and supporting other kinds of jobs too, including our local lodging establishments, restaurants and new businesses that will be needed to support an LNG terminal.

This project has the full support of our city council and most everyone who lives here on a year-round basis. Please do not delay this project any longer than is absolutely necessary. We do not need the added review by the Board of Environmental Protection because I believe the Maine DEP is capable of reviewing this plan. Thank you!

Best Regards
Drew Case

Sharon Doten

Sharon Doten
71 Germain St
Calais, ME 04619

Commissioner David Littell
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing you about the Calais LNG project for Calais, Maine. I have worked for the last twenty years as a chambermaid at the International Hotel in Calais. I used to get 40 + hours a week, and now I'm lucky to get 11 hours because our economy here is so bad, so I had to apply for unemployment benefits. I recently got sick and could not afford to go to the hospital.

If we get the Calais LNG project it will really help our area and bring new jobs and other good things here. We need new kinds of jobs to help support our economy and our hotels need more people staying there in order to survive. The economic pain being felt all over the country is even worse here in Calais.

I want to see the Calais LNG project approved sooner rather than later. I hope we don't have to wait much longer to bring new jobs and more people to this area. Please get this project approved as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sharon Doten

Dear David P. Little - Commissioner,

I would like to write in support of LNG coming to the area of Washington County. Having lived here the majority of my life, I know the importance of having a well-paying job - or in this area, any job - regardless of how much it pays.

I am a single mother of a 3½ month old little girl, and I am fortunate to have the job I have in order to support her. However, some people aren't as fortunate. I believe bringing LNG to our area would be extremely beneficial to others in need of work here in Caldwell.

Thank you,
Ashleen Sullivan

To: David P Little, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
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I just wanted to write a quick note expressing my support for the Calais LNG.

As a divorced woman, singlehandedly raising three children in the Calais area, I know firsthand the importance of decent local jobs. I have been fortunate to have found steady employment, but not all those willing and wanting to work are able to here.

Please consider allowing the LNG application to be reviewed by the department (not the board) of Environmental Protection.

Thank-You

Sherrie D'Aless

113 Broadway St
Beverlyville ME 04694

To: David P. Little, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Little,

I've always been taught to believe that a little bit of something is better than nothing at all.

Being a native of Calais, living and working here all my life, I've seen changes in our small town, some for the good and some not so good or to our advantage. So in having said that, the much talked about LNG Companies face a steady and uphill battle with many obstacles to push out of the way. Locating a plant in Washington County, in the Calais area, would be a positive gain for our community. Creating jobs, along with many spin offs attracting other 'business' is something we cannot afford to lose. It's always been a true statement that when our young people graduated school, they would go on to further their education, unable to return here to live and work for lack of jobs, only now it isn't just the young, it's the people my age having to face many of these challenges.

So if your wondering where I stand on this issue..... A little bit of something is better than nothing at all.

Sherel Magoon.

To: David P. Little, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
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From: John V. Chambers Jr.
19 Mahar Street
Calais, Maine 04619

Re: Calais LNG Project

Dear Commissioner Little:

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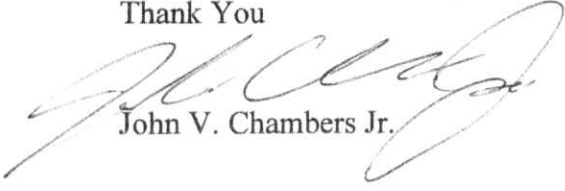
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We do not see the LNG project as having any negative impact on the shoreline or the local area and anticipate that they will be good neighbors.

We in Washington county have been adversely impacted by both State and Federal budget cuts and have the highest poverty level in the state of Maine, we desperately need the jobs in this area and without the swift action by State official on the LNG project and other businesses that want to come to our area, we will suffer substantial tax increases that will bankrupt the City of Calais and leave this wonderful area a ghost town.

Thank You


John V. Chambers Jr.

To: David P. Little, Commissioner
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

From: John V. Chambers Sr.
55 Bayview Lane
Calais, Maine 04619

Re: Calais LNG Project

Dear Commissioner Little:

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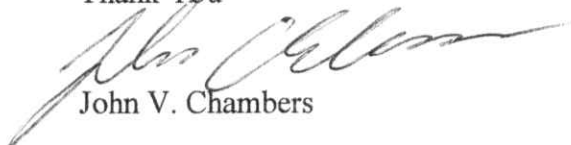
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From: Katie L. Chambers
19 Mahar Street
Calais, Maine 04619

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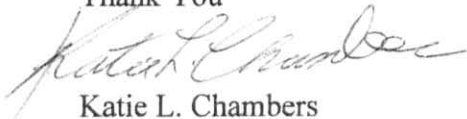
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Katie L. Chambers

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Rhonda E. Chambers

Alan Dwelley
Candace Dwelley
13 Calais Ave.
Calais, Maine 04619

February 1, 2010

Commissioner David Littell
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Commissioner Littell,

We are writing in support of the recent filing by Calais LNG for permitting their proposed LNG facility in our community. We urge you to expedite the permitting process and to conduct a Department of Environmental Protection Review, and not forward the filing request for review by the Board of Environmental Protection.

We believe this process must be expedited for several reasons: 1) there has been a great deal of private monies expended to get the project to this point; 2) Calais LNG has gone to great lengths to ensure this project has minimal adverse environmental impact; 3) Calais and the greater community at large has been actively involved in the review process and informational meetings from the projects' early stages, and there is no need for a prolonged review process; 4) Calais and the greater community has shown overwhelming support for the Calais LNG project; 5) we desperately need the positive economic impact this project will have, both during the construction phase, and in its operational phase once construction is completed.

We cannot overstate the importance of this project on our region and on the state in general. The opportunities it will bring to Washington County are desperately needed and would give a much-needed shot in the arm to one of the state's most economically challenged areas. The project will provide an economic ripple effect that will extend well beyond Washington County. The state's papermaking industry, greatly challenged by high energy costs, could benefit from cheaper LNG that could either be piped directly into some of the mills or trucked to others where a pipeline may not be practical.

Further, we must not allow our neighbors in Canada to use our own review processes to their advantage. Maine and Washington County, at the very least, deserve a level playing field in the competitive world of energy production. Time is of the essence, and a delayed review process could put the project in jeopardy.

Calais LNG is a sound, well planned, and well managed project that deserves your expedited review and approval. We urge you to handle their filing request in the most expeditious manner possible. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Alan Duxelley and Candace Fickley. The signatures are written in cursive and are positioned one above the other.

Harry Shain, Sr.
426 Shore Road
Perry, Maine 04667

February 5, 2010

Commissioner David P. Littell,
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Littell:

I hope you will consider keeping the Calais LNG application for review by the Department of Environmental Protection rather than having the Board of Environmental Protection review it. I have paid close attention to the plans put forth by this company as well as the plans put forth by another LNG developer in this part of Maine.

Although I spent 35 years working in Maine's pulp and paper industry, I now work as a lobster fishermen on Passamaquoddy Bay. I have had several meetings with the people from Calais LNG, and I believe they have a good plan that will not impact the importance of our lobster season. They have agreed to alter their shipping routes during our lobster season to the Canadian side of the boundary when the Canadian lobster fishery is closed for the season.

I am generally not a big fan of industry, but I also know this area needs meaningful job opportunities. The economy here is terrible, and we cannot force our young people to sacrifice their opportunities just so we can have everything we want.

Based on my meetings with the Calais LNG project team, I have full confidence that this project will be good for the Calais area, and I'm hoping their application can be approved as soon as possible

Sincerely,

Harry Shain, Sr.

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